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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
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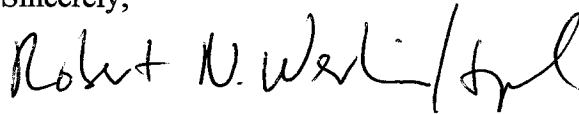
Re: Cambridge Electric Light Company/Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a  
NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 01-79, Response to Information Request

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the response of Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric to the Information Request set forth on the accompanying list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert N. Werlin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert N. Werlin

Enclosures

cc: Caroline O'Brien, Hearing Officer  
Service List

Response to Information Request

Information Request DTE-3-1

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Please explain why the Companies have not used a portion of the remaining Energy Investment Services ("EIS") funds to buy out the remaining assets in the fixed component of the transition charge which have not yet been divested.

Response

The remaining Energy Investment Services ("EIS") funds primarily reflect the tax-related excess proceeds from the sale of the Kendall Generating Facility that was deposited into the account in 1999. Therefore, these funds can be used only to reimburse Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge") for any payments to buy down stranded costs or for payments of Residual Value Credits made to customers. There are no remaining assets in Cambridge's fixed component that have not yet been divested, after the sale of Blackstone Station to Harvard, which was recently approved by the Department (see, D.T.E. 02-76).